

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1.-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A valve for controlling a fluid, comprising:

a valve housing;

an at least locally tubular valve armature;

a valve seat;

an actuation unit for the valve armature, wherein:

the valve armature is guided axially displaceably and includes a valve closure member by which a fluid flow between an inflow side and an outlet side is controllable and which coacts with the valve seat,

the valve armature includes a guidance collar in a region remote from the valve closure member, and

the valve armature is equipped with a second guidance arrangement in a region offset with respect to the guidance collar.

16. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, wherein the second guidance includes a leaf spring.

17. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 16, wherein the leaf spring is retained between the valve closure member and the valve housing.

18. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 16, wherein the leaf spring is disposed upstream from radial outlet orifices of the valve armature.

19. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 16, wherein the leaf spring is of annular configuration and has flow passages for the fluid flow.

20. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, wherein the second guidance arrangement includes the valve closure member.

21. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, further comprising:

a deep drawn valve bushing included in the valve housing and in which the valve armature is guided.

22. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, wherein the valve armature has a constriction in a region of radial outlet orifices.

23. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, further comprising:

a throttling element that coacts with a preceding throttling space and that is disposed downstream from the valve seat.

24. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 23, wherein the valve seat has a flow-through cross section that corresponds to at least two to three times a flow-through cross section of the throttling element.

25. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 23, wherein a flow-through cross section of an outlet orifice corresponds to at least a multiple of a flow-through cross section of the throttling element.

26. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 23, further comprising:

a damping tube arranged downstream from the throttling element.

27. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 26, wherein the damping tube has an inside diameter that corresponds to at least three times a diameter of the throttling element.

28. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 26, wherein the damping tube has a length that corresponds to at least ten times a diameter of the throttling element.

29. (New) The valve as recited in Claim 15, wherein the fluid includes a gas.